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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR CAR NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM

1. DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS OF CAR NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM WILL TRAVEL TO PUERTO RICO TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP THERE EARLY JULY. CAR TEAM WON ALL-AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP LAST MONTH AND WILL REPRESENT AFRICA AT GAMES.

2. ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE NOTED PARA 3 BELOW WILL BE TRAVELING ON SPECIALLY ISSUED CAR "SERVICE" (I.E., "OFFICIAL")

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PRINTED ON SINGLE SHEET RATHER IN BOOKLET FORM AND VALID UNTIL JULY 31,

1974. GOCAR HAS JUST REQUESTED APPROPRIATE VISAS ON URGENT BASIS, SINCE DELEGATION DEPARTS EARLY JUNE 15 FOR SHORT PLAYING TOUR IN EUROPE

PRIOR ARRIVAL PUERTO RICO.

3. IN ADDITION TO 17 MEMBERS ON SPECIAL PASSPORTS NOTED ABOVE, THREE MEMBERS WILL TRAVEL ON REGULARLY BOUND "SERVICE" PASSPORT VALID UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 1974 AND ONE MEMBER ON REGULAR PASSPORT VALID UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS DOCUMENTATION AND FACT THAT IN GOCAR VIEW IT IS AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THIS COUNTRY, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD

FALL WITHIN PROVISIONS 22 CFR 41.20 AND PLAN TO GIVE ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS A-2 VISAS FOOD FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY DURING VALIDITY OF

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UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, AND ADVISES US BY COB JUNE 13,
WE WILL PROCEED ON THIS BASIS.

5. DELEGATION PLANS ARRIVE SAN JUAN JUNE 26 VIA AIR
FRANCE 351 FROM POINTE-A-PITRE. APPRECIATE ANY APPROPRIATE
COURTESIES.

6. DECON UPON RECEIPT.
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